



2009 National Library Week Quiz

Federal Legislative History – Answers

1. In 1809, how much did Congress appropriate for the expense of firewood, stationery, printing and all other contingent expenses of Congress for the year?

- a. \$800
- b. \$18,000
- c. \$28,000**
- d. \$30,000

2 Stat. 520, Chap. XVII (February 17, 1809)

2. In 1809 Congress passed which of these laws?

- a. All letters and packets mailed *to* Thomas Jefferson could be sent free through the U.S. mail.
- b. All letters and packets mailed *from* Thomas Jefferson could be sent free through the U.S. mail.
- c. Authorizing the president to sell "decayed" furniture from his household and use the proceeds to buy new furniture.
- d. All of the above**

2 Stat. 526, ch. XX (February 28, 1809), 2 Stat. 533, ch. XXV (March 2, 1809) and 2 Stat. 552, ch. XIV (June 28, 1809)

3. In 1909 Congress made which of the following illegal?

- a. Counterfeiting a weather forecast.**
- b. A "pugilistic encounter" between a man and a bull for fun.
- c. Marrying someone within the fifth degree of consanguinity.
- d. All of the above.

35 Stat. 1100, ch. 321 sec. 61 (March 26, 1810)

4. In 1909, Congress authorized which of the following?

- a. The creation of the Utah State Law Library
- b. Dividing the Indiana Territory into two separate governments
- c. Importation of the mongoose
- d. **Giving Utah two condemned cannons and cannon balls**

35 Stat. 1072, ch. 319 (March 4, 1909)

5. How much were federal jurors and witnesses in Utah compensated by a 1909 act of Congress?

- a. **\$3 per day and 15¢ per mile**
- b. \$5 per day and 7¢ per mile
- c. \$2 per day and 20¢ per mile
- d. \$1 per day and 10¢ per mile

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